

12/3/2011
2:00p.m. EST

ActArc Weekly Meeting

Attendees:

Lindy Leong
Anna Perricci
Yvonne Ng
Kelly Haydon
Rebecca Fraimow
Howard Besser
Dan Erdman
Marie Lascau

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Multiple meetings w/ Tamiment recap:

- Visioning Group (Think Tank)- memory sticks picked up by Michael Nash
- Best Practices needed- like “clock setting”
- No way to independently capture live streaming- still need to contact people
- Upcoming crowd sourcing
- Rufus has learned of a Ustream user who has garnered a lot of attention with what he’s capturing—will pursue
- Recap of super conference call meeting for newcomers

Internet Archive- distinction:

- Alexis Rossi providing portal to content that has occupy tags
- ArchiveIt via Kristine Hanna group- Use root nodes to start with and program how far out to crawl (how frequently, where do you start, how far out do you go, do you have stop words—requires multiple iterations before you get it right)
- Marie will email Kristine to ask for URL list they are working off of —eventually compile list of good sources for collectors (Lindy will assist)

Best Practices draft discussed, everyone please contribute to the drafts posted in Google docs, particularly the one for collectors!

Mention bit torrent in Best Practices?

- Mention that we are not covering bit torrent b/c we are not testing, but if you have bit torrent stream contact institution with tracker
- Most likely not a popular method, however may be necessary as professional footage files increase

Legal issues in Best Practices:

- Can OWS legal team protect material?

- One member of legal team interested in doing legal monitoring using video
- OWS legal focused on getting people out of jail
- Important to make creators aware of legal issues, but detailed info would be more appropriate on separate document (another document!!)

File naming conventions:

- Anna: Consider character limits (e.g. 24 characters), have date in title, don't include spaces etc.- Rufus and Marie will make basic file naming convention for best practices
- Yvonne: don't change file names, have file naming conventions for folders
- Rufus: filename gets changed in YouTube, Vimeo
- Keep file as raw as possible

Rufus metadata tests:

Droid and iphone tests so far:

- Vimeo & Internet Archive keep all metadata, but change "last modified" dates
- YouTube changes ALL dates- embedded dates, embedded location, greatly compresses file
- Can only download from Vimeo by hacking site or if someone offers up video, however it is easy to contact creators
- IA is THE BEST place to grab (this info should be in collector's best practices)
- Embedded geo tag data- YouTube tries to extract and put info in descriptive metadata, simplifies location name

Kelly website:

- We have a wiki and website on BF server
- Rebecca and Rufus will get log in to help update
- Wiki is mediawiki
- Wiki will be open to all super call members to update
- Check out good wiki example- AV Artifacts Atlas:
http://preservation.bavc.org/artifactatlas/index.php/A/V_Artifact_Atlas

Yvonne on 10 Tips for Documenting

- needs feedback so doc can go out
- ActArc Logo? Attribution?
- Witness association- "in collaboration with!"

Yvonne on Mission Statement:

- Statement unanimously approved
- Kelly: does it matter to say we are not affiliated with OWS?
- Simply state that we stand behind the values of OWS

Yvonne on Becky of OWS Media emails:

- Google spreadsheet with list of feeds (would like us to contribute and look over)
- Occupy.net- Tech groups wiki- (want feedback from us)

- Anna will be liaison between ActArcs and OWS Archive
working group
- We need to talk to Media group about their growing digital
collection

- Rufus: People from SAA contacted him, a lot of people interested in what group is doing but can't commit to weekly meeting, want some kind of monthly newsletter
- Howard: When site is up let's put up minutes for people
- Rufus: New York Historical Society interested- someone from Democracy Now works there for educational outreach, has 250mb of video packages